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Notice of Verizon Tariff Filing

TO: Massachusetts Interexchange Carriers
Telecommunications Division General Distribution List

FROM: Michael Isenberg, Director, Telecommunications Division

DATE: June 22, 2004

RE: Notice of Proposed Changes to Verizon's Corrections Collect Calls Rate
Structure and Rates; Comments Deadline

cc: Paula Foley, Assistant General Counsel
April Mulqueen, Assistant Director, Telecommunications Division

On June 21, 2004, Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") proposed tariff revisions to the rates, terms and conditions for Message Telecommunication Service ("MTS") (*i.e.*, intraLATA toll) for Corrections Collect Calls (*i.e.*, station-to-station, collect calls dialed by a customer located at a Massachusetts correctional facility) contained in D.T.E. MA No. 10. Verizon states that the changes are intended to simplify the rate structure for Corrections Collect Calls, which currently are based on multiple components: time of day, airline miles from the calling parties exchange to the called parties exchange, initial minute rate and overtime per minute rates. The proposed tariff revisions would eliminate these components and replace them with a per call surcharge of \$1.75 and a per minute of use rate of \$.10. Unless suspended, the proposed tariff revisions will take effect on July 21, 2004. Verizon states, however, that to allow for the completion of systems programming work necessary to implement the billing changes, the new rates and rate structure will not be implemented until December 1, 2004. A copy of the filing

is available on the Department's website at <http://www.mass.gov/dte/telecom/index.htm>

Persons interested in filing comments on Verizon's proposed tariff revisions may do so by 5:00 p.m. Friday July 2, 2004. Reply comments may be filed by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday July 7, 2004. Comments should be filed electronically and in paper form to the following:

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If you have any questions, please contact Mike Isenberg at (617) 305-3744.